

## GRAND LODGE IN ANNUAL SESSION

Six Past Grand Masters and 600 Masons of Lesser Degree Answer Roll.

### HOLD ELECTION TO-MORROW

Delegates Will Choose Successor to Dr. Carrington From Large Field.

Six past grand masters and between 500 and 600 Masons of lesser rank were in their seats in the Masonic Temple at 7:30 o'clock last night when Grand Master W. L. Andrews, of Roanoke, called the most worshipful grand lodge of Virginia to order for the one hundred and thirty-fifth grand annual communication. In point of attendance, the opening night set a new record in Virginia Masonry.

The grand master's address, as at all opening sessions of the grand lodge, was the feature of the evening. He covered in detail the progress of the administration and the progress of the order during the past twelve months. The address included a number of recommendations withheld from publication as matters interesting to the members of the order alone.

Reports followed from the grand secretary, pro tem, and from the grand treasurer. The membership of the grand lodge, according to these reports has in the past year enjoyed a substantial increase. The financial condition of the grand lodge was shown to be excellent, with indications pointing to a similar prosperity in Masonic circles everywhere in the State.

### Past Grand Masters Here.

The following past grand masters were present last night to witness the opening of the convention: H. O. Kerns, of Sutherland; Thomas N. Davis, of Lynchburg; Judge R. T. W. Duke, of Charlottesville; Captain Ed. N. E. Bank, of Newport News; George W. Wright, of Marion, and A. R. Courtney, of Richmond.

The officers of the Grand Lodge were present, with only one or two absentees. Those who presided over the opening session were W. L. Andrews, grand master; Philip K. Bauman, deputy grand master; James B. Wood, grand senior warden; J. Alston Cabell, grand junior warden; Fred Pleasants, grand treasurer; Charles A. Nesbitt, grand secretary, pro tem; H. K. Field, grand senior deacon; E. L. Cunningham, grand junior deacon; M. E. Munn, grand chaplain, pro tem; John E. Charlton, grand marshal, pro tem; J. A. Pamplin, grand pursuivant; O. J. Adams, grand officer, and A. W. Baker, grand steward.

Grand Chaplain Rev. H. B. Lee, D. D., of Charlottesville, was delayed in reaching the city and will arrive to-day.

### Business Meeting To-Night.

The meeting to-night will find the delegates at work on the business problems which confront the Grand Lodge at its annual sessions. Many committees were appointed last night by Grand Master Andrews to handle the special divisions of business, and these will present their reports to-night to the convention.

At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon a chorus composed of children from the Masonic Home, in Henrico County, will give an entertaining entertainment in honor of the visiting delegations. The home has now more than seventy inmates. The overshadowing event of to-morrow's session will be the election of officers for the year. The delegates will choose a grand secretary to succeed the late Dr. George W. Carrington. A half-dozen full-fledged candidates aspire to the position, which pays \$2,400 a year, four or five Richmond men in the number.

The resignation of Grand Master Andrews, which is expected, will result in the advancement of all the present grand officers to the office next higher in rank, and will leave vacant the office of grand junior deacon. The officers below the rank of grand junior deacon are appointive.

## MEDIATORS MAY SETTLE DISPUTE

Threatened Strike Action Placed in Hands of Government Officials.

New York, February 11.—The threatened strike action of 34,000 firemen on the fifty-four railroads east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio was placed in the hands of government officials to-night for them to avert it by mediation, if possible.

Acting under provisions of the Erdman act, President W. S. Carter, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, telegraphed Judge Martin A. Knapp, of the Commerce Court, and G. W. Hanger, acting Commissioner of Labor, at Washington, requesting them to mediate in the crisis which has arisen between the firemen and the railroads.

Elisha Lee, chairman of the conference committee of railroad managers, announced that the railroads would accept the services of Messrs. Knapp and Hanger as mediators.

Mr. Carter's telegram came after the close of a stormy meeting between the managers and the firemen. Mr. Carter advised the managers that he had been authorized by the votes of 965 firemen out of every 1,000 in the organization to call a strike should the railroads decline to grant the demands for increased pay and additional firemen on 2,000 large locomotives. These demands, Mr. Carter offered to arbitrate under the Erdman act, before a board of three men. The managers agreed that the firemen were entitled to an increase in pay—not as much as they demanded, but something—and also offered to arbitrate. But the managers wanted to arbitrate before a commission of seven men.

With both sides willing to arbitrate,

## News of South Richmond.

### OUT FOR LEGISLATURE

Three or More Candidates in Chesterfield May Oppose Captain Baker.

While the legislative election is still many months off, Chesterfieldians are already beginning to cast around for prospective candidates. A large number of his friends are urging B. H. Bruce, a young business man of Chester, to become a candidate for the House of Delegates, to oppose Captain W. W. Baker, the incumbent. Mr. Bruce has so far held off his friends, and has not made a formal announcement of his plans.

Mr. Bruce is one of the best known of the younger business men of the county. He has been engaged in various enterprises in Chesterfield for a number of years and has a large number of influential friends.

Captain Baker has filled the position for several terms and has always been a hard man to defeat. He has a large following in the upper section of Chesterfield and his friends are already pledging him their support in case of opposition. A third candidate is also being spoken of. With a triangular fight, Chesterfield would keep in the limelight, as each of the prospective candidates would adopt platforms of totally different views.

### Will Plant Shade Trees.

Under the direction of Assistant City Engineer D. F. LaPrade, a large number of small shade trees will be set out along the Southside streets. Persons desiring trees in front of their residences can secure them by making application to Mr. LaPrade.

Mr. LaPrade was very successful last year with the trees planted under his supervision. Nearly two-thirds took root and before summer were bearing leaves. Before the end of this year it is expected that the entire Southside will be supplied with trees.

Plans are being made by Mr. LaPrade to greatly improve the streets when the weather breaks. It has been almost an impossibility to use the steam roller during the winter and much of the street work has been delayed. This will be remedied as soon as possible.

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the merits of the controversy became secondary to the method of arbitration. Thus deadlocked, they adjourned sine die, each side notifying the other that upon it would rest the blame for a strike.

The appeal of Mr. Knapp and Mr. Hanger postponed probably for a week an adjustment of the difference regarding the method of arbitration or a possible strike. In previous negotiations Judge Knapp and Labor Commissioner Nell endeavored to mediate, but found it impossible. Mr. Nell was not appointed to-day, it is said, because his appointment by President Taft to succeed himself had not been confirmed by the Senate, and Mr. Hanger thus becomes acting commissioner.

### COLLECTS OLD ACCOUNT

David Davis Accused of Unlawfully Taking Man's Money.

Peculiar methods of collecting a long due account last night cost David Davis, a saloon proprietor, a short period in the custody of the Southside police while friends were arranging bail for his appearance before Justice H. A. Maurice in Police Court, Part II, this morning, to answer to a charge of unlawfully taking the sum of \$180, the property of A. D. Dabney, colored, a cleaner and presser. The arrest was made by Officer G. F. Sharp, of the Third District, on a warrant in which Dabney is the complainant.

The accused recently opened a saloon at the corner of Seventh and Hull Streets. Last night while standing behind the bar, Dabney walked in, handed over a two-dollar bill, with request that it be changed. Davis is alleged to have raked up a past debt of \$180 and in payment thereof pocketed the cash. Upon his failure to come across he was promptly arrested. Bail in the sum of \$100 was later accepted.

### Sent to Grand Jury.

John Thompson and James McKissoon, negroes, were sent on to the grand jury by Justice Maurice, before whom they were given a preliminary hearing yesterday in Police Court, Part II, on a charge of highway robbery. They were accused of holding up Dave Nelson about three weeks ago. They were caught on the Northside on a minor charge and turned over to the Southside police for trial. Both have company with Nelson on the day of the robbery. The victim is in Rocky Mount, N. C., and has not yet faced the men.

Christopher Cox and J. D. Crouch, charged with disorderly conduct, each drew a fine of \$2.50 and costs yesterday in Police Court, Part II.

S. Skepter, charged with an ordinance violation, was taxed the same amount.

John Brown, colored, charged with disorderly conduct on a Richmond-Petersburg electric car, was yesterday

## PLANNED TO BUY UP ENTIRE COTTON CROP



JAMES A. PATTEN.

James A. Patten Pleads Guilty to One Count in Indictment.

James A. Patten, of Chicago, the cotton-grain speculator, pleaded guilty in the Federal court here to-day to the sixth count in an indictment charging him with restraint of trade. Judge Mayer fined Mr. Patten \$4,000, which was paid immediately.

The sixth count charges that Patten and his associates, Colonel Robert M. Thompson, William P. Brown, P. B. Hayne and Eugene Scates, agreed, under a contract, to buy practically the entire rice, cotton crop of 1909, in order to hold it out of the market until November 1, 1910.

To the seven other counts in the indictment Patten pleaded not guilty, and they were nolle by the court.

Patten, Eugene Scates, of Texas, and others were indicted by a Federal grand jury here more than a year ago for manipulation of the cotton market. The government charges that their acts constituted restraint of trade. The defendants demurred, and carried their case to the Supreme Court, which recently ruled against them.

George W. Merrick, Patten's attorney, issued a statement, saying that his client entered his plea "without any consciousness of being guilty of any moral turpitude, or of offending in the slightest degree against any law or proper rule of conduct."

The contract charged in the sixth count of this indictment is one that has hitherto always been deemed commercially proper and lawful, said the lawyer. "Indeed, this contract was not signed by him, and the only knowledge of it as having been entered into by others, and as one entirely proper. This contract, moreover, was drawn by counsel learned in the law, and stated by them to be in every way lawful."

"Although the Sherman act has been in force for more than twenty years, it was never before supposed that a contract of the kind in question offended against it."

"This long litigation has been a source of great expense and care to my client, and he is now, while untried, unwilling further to litigate, and so he makes this plea to conclude a litigation that if continued would entail greater expense, trouble and annoyance both to himself and the government."

Federal Attorney Wise said that in view of the fact that Patten had pleaded guilty and that an indictment charging a cotton corner raised a novel question upon which there was a difference of opinion among the judges, the government would be satisfied with the imposition of a fine.

Will Not Plead Guilty.

New Orleans, February 11.—The three other members of the cotton "bull pool" indicted jointly with James A. Patten in connection with the cotton bull campaign of three years ago will not plead guilty to the Federal indictment, according to a statement given to the Associated Press to-day by William P. Brown. Mr. Brown was not at all surprised when informed that Patten had entered a plea of guilty. "I expected it," he said. "I do not care to discuss the case, but you can say that Hayne, Scates and myself will not plead guilty for the reason that we would perjure ourselves if we did so, as we are not guilty of a single one of the charges that has been brought against us."

Both Mr. Brown and Frank B. Hayne are residents of New Orleans. Eugene Scates, the fourth member of the pool under indictment, lives at Waco, Texas. They are counted among the wealthiest cotton operators of the South, and their spectacular campaign of three years ago is conceded to have netted the cotton farmers of the South more than \$100,000,000.

Will Be Reindicted.

Washington, February 11.—Remaining defendants in the cotton corner case probably will be reindicted by the Department of Justice to cure what

TO USE BOTH NAMES

Title of University College of Medicine Not to Be Changed.

Although incorporated under the charter of the Medical College of Virginia, the new medical colleges will be conducted for the next few years under the name of "The Medical College of Virginia, amalgamated." This concession to the University College of Medicine in return for the surrender of that college's name, and will enable the new institution to hold the students of both colleges.

Features of the combined commencement exercises of the new Medical College of Virginia will be given Monday, February 18, at 10 o'clock, in the University building, into whose hands the matter was given Monday by the board of visitors. The courses of the two schools will be conducted independently until June 1.

Sergeant Holdcraft Worse.

The condition of Desk Sergeant S. W. Holdcraft, of the First District, who has been ill at his home, 2902 East Marshall Street, for several days, was last night said to be not so satisfactory. He is said to be suffering from heart and kidney trouble.

Memorial to Miss Triplett.

Memorial services will be held this afternoon at 3:15 o'clock in honor of the memory of Miss Bertha E. Triplett, a graduate nurse of the Retreat for the sick, who died at Cape Henry, Va., on Saturday, January 26, at Gainesville, Prince William County, where interment was made.

The memorial services will be conducted by Rev. Russell Bowie, of St. Paul's Church.

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is regarded as a flaw in the pending indictments.

Patten's plea of guilty was by agreement with the government. Attorney-General Wickham consented to the arrangement because of the supposed error in the indictment, which, while charging a conspiracy to buy up cotton, omitted the allegation of withholding it from sale. Solicitor-General Bullitt admitted in the Supreme Court that the indictment was probably faulty. Three Justices of the Supreme Court, in a dissenting opinion, and the lower court Justices, also had declared the indictments faulty.

### COMMITTEE NAMED

Plan to Enlarge City's Boundaries Will Soon Be Under Way.

Presidents of both branches of the City Council announced yesterday their appointment of a committee to study the annexation of territory to the city as follows: From the Board of Aldermen—Joseph E. Powers, Gray Fulmer, and J. H. Morgan. From the Common Council—Morgan H. Mills, W. D. Butler, Carter C. Jones and Jacob Umstead.

The committee will meet within the next few days for the purpose of organization and to map out its work.

Building Permits.

Building department permits were issued yesterday as follows: Mrs. M. E. Perkinson, to erect a detached brick building, 2421 Park Avenue, to cost \$7,500.

Executors Mann S. Valentine estate, to erect a detached three-story brick store, 118 East Broad Street, to cost \$10,850.

H. E. Richardson, to erect four detached two-story brick dwellings on the south side of Stuart Avenue, between Park and Meadow Streets, to cost \$20,000.

Richmond and Henrico Railway Company, to extend present power-

house on the west side of Lester Street, between Louisiana and Orleans Streets, to cost \$35,000.

R. H. Smith, to repair brick dwelling, 824 West Grace Street, to cost \$1,200.

Reanne Dairy Company, to repair brick dairy, 604-608 North Seventh Street, to cost \$100.

Charters Issued.

Bolton, Clarke & Pratt (Inc.), Richmond. Capital: Maximum, \$10,000; minimum, \$5,000. James Bolton, president; John Lyell Clarke, secretary; Harry Garnett Pratt, treasurer—all of Richmond.

The Radford State Bank (Inc.), Radford, Va. Capital: Maximum, \$25,000; minimum, \$12,500. John G. Osborne, president; John L. Elmer, secretary and cashier, both of Radford, Va.; Frank Bell, vice-president, Dublin, Va.

Kinler, Montgomery & Co. (Inc.), Lynchburg, Va. Capital: Maximum, \$100,000; minimum, \$50,000. W. B. Montgomery, president; W. K. Ballagh, vice-president; J. T. Kinler, secretary and treasurer—all of Lynchburg, Va. Object: Mercantile business.

The Water Vending Corporation, Norfolk, Va. Capital: Maximum, \$500; minimum, \$250. J. P. Davis, president; Leo M. Kuecz, secretary; Norfolk, Va.; John J. Ryan, Norfolk, object: Cigar business.

Amendment to the charter of Old Henric, Va. Manufacturing Co. (Inc.), of Richmond, increasing its capital stock from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Amendment to the charter of the Blair Banking Company (Inc.), of Galax, Va., changing its name to The People's State Bank of Galax, Va.

NEGRO ARRESTED ON WARRANT SWORN OUT EIGHT MONTHS AGO

Joseph Barry, colored, was arrested yesterday in Portsmouth, on a warrant issued last July, charging him with cruelly working a diseased mule. Agent E. C. Taylor, of the Norfolk division, of the Richmond, Va., office, accompanied him. He remained in the city. Barry managed to elude the police until yesterday.

HE WANTS M'COMBS TO CONTINUE CHAIRMAN

President-Elect Wilson Hopes His Resignation Will Not Be Offered.

Trenton, N. J., February 11.—President-Elect Wilson intimated to-night that he hoped William F. McCombs, chairman of the National Committee, would continue as chairman of the Democratic National Committee after March 1. The President-elect was informed that Chairman McCombs had called a meeting of the National Committee for March 5 and was asked if he heard whether Mr. McCombs contemplated resigning on that occasion. "No, and I hope not," replied Mr. Wilson, casually.

Mr. McCombs has been mentioned frequently as a Cabinet possibility. Close friends of Mr. McCombs declare he is undecided whether to take a post in the new administration, if offered him, or work for the Wilson campaign, furthering the interest of the Democratic party's organization.

Mr. McCombs' health has not been good in the past year, and he is desirous also, it is said, of building up his law business, neglected during the busy days of the campaign and his long illness.

The Governor kept a watchful eye on the progress of the anti-trust bills in the Legislature to-day. He is anxious that these measures shall become law before he goes to Washington to assume the Presidency. He had a conference with Democratic members of the House and Senate, but the discussion of the seven corporation bills was brief, and another conference was planned for Monday.

The Governor anticipates little difficulty in getting the bills through the lower house, where the Democratic majority is larger in proportion than in the Senate.

Few callers came on national business to-day.

Pass Second Reading.

Trenton, N. J., February 11.—Governor Wilson's seven anti-trust bills passed second reading in the Senate this afternoon, after a number of amendments offered by the Republican minority had been voted down.

The bills will be taken up Thursday and passed with the support of the twelve Democratic Senators and Senator Nichols (Republican), who to-night announced he would support the measures. The only amendments adopted

Man Arrested in Texas Charged With Complicity in Wrecking Bank.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Roanoke, Va., February 11.—A. D. Hamman, formerly of Bluefield, a native of New Jersey, was arrested here on Thursday by a representative of a detective agency, charged with complicity in the Hamman Banking and Trust Company, of Bluefield, W. Va., which failed last year for more than \$450,000.

Following the arrest, several notes of Hamman were found in the bank, endorsed by President S. M. Smith. On investigation it was found that Hamman had left Bluefield. Search for him was fruitless, and Governor Glasscock employed detectives to locate Hamman and bring him to West Virginia for trial.

Hamman was arrested Sunday, and when told for what he was wanted he agreed to come to West Virginia, waiving regulation papers. He will arrive in Bluefield on Thursday, accompanied by the detective who made the arrest.

President Smith was arrested last year, and was called to the trial will come up at Princeton, W. Va., on March 11.

Mr. Hamman is a son of Mrs. Hamman, a prominent society woman of New Rochelle, N. Y.

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